1. (currently amended) A method of using a browsing system to browse a hypertext document, the method comprising:

      converting ~~a~~ components in a hypertext document to include ~~an~~ alternate component activation tags;

      controlling a shared display module to display the alternate component activation tags with the converted components in the hypertext document, wherein the shared display module is simultaneously viewable by a plurality of users <u>of which each user is simultaneously interacting with a different portable input device</u>; and

      activating the converted components in the hypertext document displayed on the shared display module by receiving ~~an~~ input signals related to the alternate component activation tags from ~~at least one of a plurality of~~<u>of the different</u> portable input devices ~~operated by one of the plurality of users that are viewing the display module~~.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein converting ~~a~~ components in a hypertext document to include ~~an~~ alternate component activation tags further comprises parsing the hypertext document to identify hyperlinks and open fields.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising processing different types of input signals from the portable input devices ~~operated by each user~~ into a form that the browsing system can recognize.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein activating the converted components of the hypertext document by receiving ~~an~~ input signals related to the alternate component activation tags comprises activating the converted components by receiving ~~an~~ alphanumeric symbols that represents the alternate component activation tags.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:

    providing a plurality of browsing modes to perform various navigational commands;

    modifying the plurality of browsing modes to include alternate browsing activation tags;

    controlling the shared display module to display the alternate browsing activation tags with the associated modified plurality of browsing modes to the plurality of users; and

    activating ~~a particular~~ browsing mode_s_ displayed on the shared display module by receiving ~~an~~ input signal_s_ related to ~~a particular~~ alternate browsing activation tag_s_ that ~~is~~ are associated with the ~~particular~~ browsing mode_s_ from ~~at least one of~~ the different portable input devices ~~operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein activating ~~a particular~~ browsing mode_s_ by receiving ~~an~~ input signal_s_ related to ~~a particular~~ alternate browsing activation tag_s_ that ~~is~~ are associated with the ~~particular~~ browsing mode_s_ comprises activating the ~~particular~~ browsing mode_s_ by receiving ~~an~~ alphanumeric symbol_s_ that ~~represents~~ the particular alternate browsing activation tag_s_.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising abbreviating the hypertext document such that display space needed in displaying the hypertext document is reduced.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein abbreviating the hypertext document comprises automatically summarizing text in the hypertext document.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein abbreviating the hypertext document comprises automatically reducing image media content in the hypertext document.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:

    providing a plurality of automated browsing modes to perform various navigational controls;

    providing the plurality of automated browsing modes with automated browsing activation tags;

    controlling the shared display module to display the automated browsing modes and automated browsing activation tags to the plurality of users; and

    activating ~~a particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10 and further comprising deactivating ~~the particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving a command from ~~one of~~ the different portable input devices ~~of one of the plurality of users~~.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein activating ~~a particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ comprises activating the ~~particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ related to ~~a particular~~ automated browsing activation tag~~s~~ associated with the ~~particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ from ~~at least one of~~ the different portable input devices ~~operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein activating ~~a particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ related to ~~a particular~~ automated browsing activation tag~~s~~ associated with the ~~particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ comprises activating ~~the particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving ~~an~~ alphanumeric symbol~~s~~ that represent~~s~~ the automated browsing activation tag~~s~~.

14. (original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising annotating the hypertext document with a unique code such that the input signal is associated with the hypertext document.

15. (currently amended) A method of using a browsing system to browse a hypertext document, ~~the~~
method comprising:

    providing a plurality of browsing modes to perform various navigational commands;

    modifying the plurality of browsing modes to include alternate browsing activation tags;

    controlling a shared display module to display the alternate browsing activation tags with the
associated modified plurality of browsing modes, wherein the display module is
simultaneously viewable by a plurality of users <u>of which each user is simultaneously
interacting with a different portable input device</u>; and

    activating ~~a particular~~ browsing mode<u>s</u> displayed on the shared display module by receiving
~~an~~ input signal<u>s</u> related to ~~a particular~~ alternate browsing activation tag<u>s</u> that ~~is~~ <u>are</u>
associated with the ~~particular~~ browsing mode<u>s</u> from ~~at least one of a plurality of~~<u>the</u>
<u>different</u> portable input devices ~~operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein activating ~~a particular~~ browsing mode<u>s</u>
by receiving ~~an~~ input signal<u>s</u> related to ~~a particular~~ alternate browsing activation tag<u>s</u> that ~~is~~ <u>are</u>
associated with the ~~particular~~ browsing mode<u>s</u> comprises activating the ~~particular~~ browsing mode<u>s</u>
by receiving ~~an~~ alphanumeric symbol<u>s</u> that represent~~s~~ the alternate browsing activation tag<u>s</u>.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 and further comprising:

    providing a plurality of automated browsing modes to perform various automated
navigational functions;

    providing the plurality of automated browsing modes with automated browsing activation
tags;

    controlling the shared display module to display the automated browsing modes and
automated browsing activation tags to the plurality of users; and

    activating ~~a particular~~ automated browsing mode<u>s</u>.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein activating ~~a particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ comprises activating the ~~particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ related to ~~a particular~~ automated browsing activation tag~~s~~ from ~~at least one of~~ the different portable input devices ~~operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein activating ~~a particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ related to ~~a particular~~ automated browsing activation tag~~s~~ comprises activating the ~~particular~~ automated browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving ~~an~~ alphanumeric symbol~~s~~ that represents the ~~particular~~ automated browsing activation tag~~s~~.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 and further comprising:

> converting ~~a~~ component~~s~~ in the hypertext document to include ~~an~~ alternate component activation tag~~s~~;
>
> controlling the shared display module to display the alternate component activation tag~~s~~ with the converted component~~s~~ in the hypertext document to the plurality of users; and
>
> activating the converted component~~s~~ of the hypertext document by receiving ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ related to the alternate component activation tag~~s~~ from ~~at least one of~~ the different portable input devices ~~operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein activating the component~~s~~ of the hypertext document by receiving ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ related to the alternate component activation tag~~s~~ comprises activating the component~~s~~ of the hypertext document by receiving ~~an~~ alphanumeric symbol~~s~~ that represents the alternate ~~link~~ component activation tag~~s~~.

22. (currently amended) A browsing system for displaying a hypertext document on a display comprising:

    a hypertext document converter configured to convert ~~a~~ component~~s~~ in the hypertext document to include ~~an~~ alternate component activation tag~~s~~;

    a hypertext display controller configured to instruct a shared display module to display the alternate component activation tag~~s~~ with the converted component~~s~~ in the hypertext document, wherein the shared display module is viewable by a plurality of users of which each user is simultaneously interacting with a different portable input device; and

    an input processor configured to receive and process input signals related to the alternate component activation tag~~s~~ displayed on the shared display module from ~~at least one of a plurality of~~ the different portable input device~~s operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

23. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 22, wherein the input signal~~s~~ received by the input processor ~~is~~ are associated with ~~an~~ alphanumerical symbol~~s~~.

24. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 22, wherein the input processor further comprises an output module configured to receive data from the hypertext display controller and output data to ~~at least one of the plurality of~~ of the different input devices.

25. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 22, wherein the input processor is further configured to process different types of input signals received from the different portable input devices ~~operated by each user~~ into ~~a~~ form~~s~~ that the browsing system can recognize.

26. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 25, wherein the input processor is further configured to implement a scheduling algorithm to process the different types of input signals received from the different portable input devices ~~operated by each user~~ in an order.

27. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 22 wherein the ~~plurality of~~different portable input devices comprise~~s~~ cell phones or personal data assistants (PDAs).

28. (original) The browsing system of claim 22 and further comprising a mode controller configured to modify a plurality of browsing modes to include alternate browsing activation tags.

29. (original) The browsing system of claim 22 and further comprising a mode controller configured to provide a plurality of automated browsing modes with automated browsing activation tags.

30. (canceled).

31. (original) The browsing system of claim 22, wherein the display comprises multiple screens.

32. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 22, wherein the display includes a status display indicating status and historical information related to the input signals from the ~~plurality of~~different input devices.

33. (currently amended) A browsing system for displaying a hypertext document on a display comprising:

    a mode controller configured to modify a plurality of browsing modes to include alternate browsing activation tags;

    a hypertext display controller configured to display the plurality of browsing modes and alternate browsing activation tags on a shared display module, wherein the shared display module is viewable by a plurality of users of which each user is simultaneously interacting with a different portable input device; and

    an input processor configured to receive and process ~~an~~ input signal_s_ related to ~~a particular~~ alternate browsing activation tag_s_ displayed on the shared display module from ~~at least one of a plurality of~~ the different portable input devices ~~operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

34. (original) The browsing system of claim 33, wherein the plurality of browsing modes comprises a variety of navigational controls for browsing through hypertext documents.

35. (original) The browsing system of claim 33, wherein the mode controller is further configured to provide a plurality of automated browsing modes with automated browsing activation tags.

36. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 35, wherein the automated browsing modes comprise continuous scrolling of the hypertext document, continuous cycling through a plurality of hypertext documents, continuous random following of hyperlinks, automatic previewing of hypertext documents and continuous browsing of hyperlinks as specified by ~~each~~ the different portable input device_s_ ~~operated by each user~~.

37. (currently amended) The browsing system of claim 33 and further comprising a hypertext document converter configured to convert a component~~s~~ in the hypertext document to include ~~an~~ alternate component activation tag~~s~~, wherein the hypertext display controller is further configured to instruct the display module to display the alternate component activation tag~~s~~ with the converted component~~s~~ in the hypertext document to the plurality of users.

38. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing computer executable instructions for implementing the steps of:

converting a component~~s~~ in a hypertext document to include ~~an~~ alternate component activation tag~~s~~ represented by a symbol~~s~~;

controlling a shared display to display the symbol~~s~~ representing the converted component~~s~~, wherein the shared display is viewable by a plurality of users <u>of which each user is simultaneously interacting with a different portable input device</u>; and

activating the converted component~~s~~ by receiving and processing ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ related to the symbol~~s~~ displayed on the shared display from ~~at least one of a plurality of~~ <u>the</u> <u>different</u> portable input device~~s operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

39. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 38 and further comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of browsing modes;

modifying the plurality of browsing modes to include alternate browsing activation tags, each alternate browsing activation tag represented by a symbol;

controlling the shared display to display the plurality of browsing modes and the alternate browsing activation tags to the plurality of users; and

activating a ~~particular~~ browsing mode~~s~~ by receiving and processing ~~an~~ input signal~~s~~ from ~~at least one of~~ the <u>different</u> portable input device~~s operated by one of the plurality of users~~.

40. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 38 and further comprising the steps of:

    providing a plurality of automated browsing modes;

    providing the plurality of automated browsing modes with automated browsing activation tags, each automated browsing activation tag represented by a symbol;

    controlling the shared display module to display the plurality of automated browsing modes and automated browsing activation tags to the plurality of users ; and

    activating a ~~particular~~ browsing mode<u>s</u> by receiving and processing ~~a particular~~ symbol<u>s</u>.